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Application No. 07/866,018, filed April 7, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,470,705; and U.S. Patent Application No. 07/862,642, filed April 3, 1992; all of which applicants rely upon for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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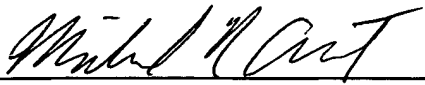
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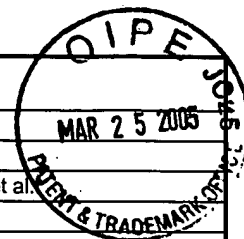
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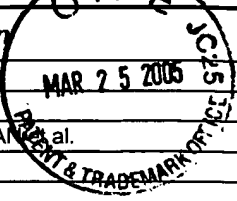
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